

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Cabell

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Sincerely yours,



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DONALD A. QUARLES  
Deputy

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## Department of Defense Directive

SUBJECT            Electronics Intelligence (ELINT)

Reference:        (a) NSCID No. 6, dated September 15, 1958

(b) DOD Dir. S-3115.2, "Electronics Intelligence (ELINT)," dated July 13, 1955 (cancelled by reference (c))

(c) DOD Dir. S-5100.20, "The National Security Agency"

### I. PURPOSE

This Directive is issued for the purpose of implementing the ELINT provisions of reference (a).

### II. DEFINITIONS

A. For the purposes of this Directive, ELINT activities are defined as the collection (observation and recording), and the technical processing for subsequent intelligence purposes, of information derived from foreign, non-communications, electromagnetic radiations emanating from other than atomic detonation or radioactive sources.

B. ELINT is the technical and intelligence-information product of ELINT activities.

### III. POLICY

A. The Secretary of Defense has been designated as Executive Agent of the Government for the conduct of ELINT activities in accordance with the provisions of reference (a) and for the maintenance and operation of the National Security Agency (NSA). The Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Special Operations) will exercise the authorities vested in the Secretary of Defense by reference (a) relating to the direction and control of NSA and related activities of the Department of Defense.

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B. The ELINT mission of the National Security Agency shall be to provide an effective, unified organization and control of the ELINT intercept and processing activities of the United States, to provide for integrated operational policies and procedures pertaining thereto and to produce ELINT information in accordance with objectives, requirements and priorities established by the U. S. Intelligence Board. For these purposes all U. S. ELINT activities, except as otherwise specified herein, are placed under the operational and technical control of the Director, National Security Agency.

C. The Secretary of Defense will:

1. Establish the consolidated DOD budget, and requirements for military and civilian manpower, logistic and communications support, and research, development, test and evaluation for ELINT activities, and provide for inclusions as appropriate in the budgets and programs of the military departments and other Department of Defense agencies. With the collaboration of interested elements of the Department of Defense, the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Special Operations) will continually review the development and execution of ELINT plans and programs as a basis on which to provide for effective, efficient and economical management and operation and the elimination of undesirable duplication.
2. Determine the ELINT activities which are essential to provide support to commanders who plan and conduct military operations, and which must be directly assigned by the Secretary of Defense to provide an integral ELINT capability to such commanders; determine to what degree these activities should be integrated into the National ELINT program; and delegate the responsibility to conduct such activities to those commanders or to the cryptologic agencies which support them. Generally, such activities will include ELINT collection and processing activities integral to ferret aircraft operations, submarine and surface patrol operations, and ground combat surveillance operations.
3. In making the determinations and delegations referred to in paragraph 2 above, including subsequent changes, consideration will be given to specific proposals submitted by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the military departments and other concerned agencies.

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D. The military departments and the commanders of commands established by the Secretary of Defense will conduct such search, intercept, direction finding, range estimation, and signal analysis of non-communications electromagnetic radiations as must be undertaken to permit immediate operational use of the information in support of electronic warfare and rescue operations. With respect to these activities, it is noted that:

1. They have the following characteristics:
  - a. They are performed in direct and immediate support of operations conducted for other than intelligence purposes and are active only when the supported operations are underway. The term "operations," as used in this directive, includes training and test exercises, and is not confined to wartime activities.
  - b. They are performed by equipment which, though identical or similar to that used by ELINT units for intelligence purposes, is an essential component of the weapons system, facility, or activity which has an operational mission or objective.
2. Examples of such activities are those undertaken:
  - a. By ships and aircraft for navigational purposes and for their own protection.
  - b. For rescue operations.
  - c. For the support of active electronic countermeasures, counter-countermeasures, imitative communication and electronic deception, while those operations are being conducted.
  - d. By ships, aircraft, and/or ground units for detection, early warning, tracking, identification, target acquisition, or homing purposes, in connection with operations actually underway.
3. In the event data obtained by these activities is usable for intelligence purposes, these data should be provided, by the most expeditious means available, to the appropriate ELINT activity for further handling.

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E. Paragraph III.D. above should not be interpreted to mean that ELINT units which operate under the operational and technical control of the Director, National Security Agency, do not have a mission of direct and immediate intelligence support to operations which are being conducted.

### IV. RESPONSIBILITIES

#### A. The Joint Chiefs of Staff

1. The Joint Chiefs of Staff will:
  - a. Review the ELINT plans and programs of the Director, National Security Agency, to insure that they are in consonance with approved plans and adequate to serve the joint needs of the military departments, the commands established by the Secretary of Defense and the missions of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and make recommendations to the Secretary of Defense as appropriate.
  - b. Review the consolidated DOD budget, and requirements for military and civilian manpower, logistic support, and research, development, test and evaluation for ELINT activities as submitted to the Secretary of Defense by the Director, National Security Agency, to determine the impact on stated military requirements, and make appropriate recommendations with respect thereto to the Secretary of Defense.
  - c. Review the requirements of commanders of commands established by the Secretary of Defense for direct support by ELINT activities under the provisions of paragraph III.C.2. above, and make appropriate recommendations to the Secretary of Defense.

#### B. The Director, National Security Agency

1. The Director, National Security Agency, will:
  - a. Accomplish the ELINT mission of the National Security Agency in accordance with the provisions of reference (a).

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- b. Exercise operational and technical control of the ELINT collection and processing activities of the departments and agencies of the Government except those activities conducted under the provisions of paragraph III. C. 2. above, paragraph III. D. above, or NSCID No. 5.
- c. Advise the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Secretary of Defense, as appropriate, with respect to the determinations and delegations referred to in paragraph III. C. 2. above.
- d. Delegate, except as provided in paragraph III. C. 2. above, operational control of specified ELINT facilities and resources to appropriate authorities for such periods and for such tasks as are determined by him to be necessary, including those tasks to meet the direct support requirements of military departments and commanders.
- e. Prepare in collaboration with the military departments and the commands established by the Secretary of Defense, and submit to the Secretary of Defense the consolidated Department of Defense plans and programs for ELINT activities, together with his recommendations pertaining thereto.
- f. Prepare in collaboration with the military departments and submit to the Secretary of Defense the consolidated Department of Defense budget, and requirements for military and civilian manpower, logistic support, and research, development, test and evaluation for ELINT activities, together with his recommendations pertaining thereto.



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- g. Under the supervision of the Director of Defense Research and Engineering, establish and conduct a research and engineering program to meet the needs of the National Security Agency and the departments and agencies which are engaged in ELINT activities; review and coordinate the related ELINT research and engineering programs conducted by such departments and agencies. He will also recommend controls and procedures to the Director of Defense Research and Engineering governing the conduct of ELINT research, development, test and evaluation.
- h. Standardize, in collaboration with the military department, ELINT equipment and facilities wherever practicable.
- i. Provide for the production and procurement of specialized ELINT equipments.
- j. Provide technical guidance and support, including information, specialized equipment and engineering assistance, and analytic service to all U. S. ELINT activities.
- k. Provide technical guidance and support of ELINT training conducted by the military departments, and prescribe minimum standards for their ELINT training curricula.
- l. Conduct necessary specialized and advanced ELINT training.
- m. Determine the requirements for communications to meet the needs of the National Security Agency and submit them to the Joint Chiefs of Staff for their review and appropriate action.

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- n. Determine and make known to appropriate authorities courier service requirements for the expeditious handling of ELINT material.
- o. Determine and submit to the authorities responsible for logistic support for NSA, requirements together with specific recommendations as to what each of the responsible departments and agencies of the Government should supply.

**C. The Military Departments**

- 1. The Secretaries of the military departments will:
  - a. Plan, program and budget for their respective ELINT activities; collaborate with the Director, National Security Agency, in the preparation of consolidated Department of Defense plans, programs, and budget estimates.
  - b. Procure for, operate, organize, train, equip, administer and provide logistic support to their respective ELINT activities. This will include provision of adequate reserve programs to meet emergency or wartime requirements for ELINT activities.
  - c. Provide the necessary ELINT facilities and resources for the support of military operations and of the national ELINT effort as authorized and directed by the Secretary of Defense.
  - d. Perform ELINT collection and processing tasks as specified by the Director, National Security Agency, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph IV. B. 1. b. above.
  - e. Assign military personnel to the National Security Agency in accordance with approved requirements. The normal tour of duty is thirty-six months. Longer assignment of specially qualified personnel is authorized as may be arranged with the Department concerned. The military departments may add, withdraw, or substitute personnel within the authorized personnel strength of the National Security Agency, subject to the concurrence of the Director, NSA.

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- f. Keep Director, National Security Agency, and, through him, Director of Defense Research and Engineering, currently advised of their ELINT research and engineering requirements; and accomplish such research, development, test and evaluation as may be assigned.
- g. Subject to approval by the Director of Defense Research and Engineering, initiate and pursue such research and engineering projects as may be necessary to support their ELINT activities, and accomplish such ELINT research, development, test and evaluation as approved or assigned by the Director of Defense Research and Engineering. A military department undertaking research and engineering projects in areas touching on ELINT will advise the Director of Defense Research and Engineering, the Director, National Security Agency, and other military departments as a matter of mutual interest.
- h. State to the Director, National Security Agency, their requirements for ELINT direct support .
- i. Recommend to the Secretary of Defense those ELINT activities which are essential to provide direct support under the provisions of paragraph III. C. 2. above. Conduct such activities when authorized by the Secretary of Defense.
- j. Conduct the activities listed in paragraph III. D. above, in accordance with the provisions contained therein; where feasible, coordinate such activities with the Director, National Security Agency.
- k. Conduct those ELINT activities, other than cryptanalysis, undertaken in support of their missions under the authority of NSCID No. 5; where feasible, coordinate such activities with the Director, National Security Agency. The information derived from such activities shall be so handled as to give suitable protection to related activities, and shall be passed to the National Security Agency to the extent desired by the Director, NSA, as soon as the special security collection requirements have been satisfied.
- l. Fulfill logistic support requirements of NSA, as authorized and directed by the Secretary of Defense.

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D. Commanders of Commands Established by the Secretary of Defense

1. Commanders, heretofore authorized and others when authorized, will:
  - a. Conduct those ELINT collection and processing activities which are essential to provide direct support under the provisions of paragraph III. C. 2. above; when feasible, coordinate such activities with the Director, National Security Agency. The information derived from such activities shall be so handled as to give suitable protection to related activities and shall be passed to the National Security Agency as desired by the Director, National Security Agency.
  - b. Perform, within the capabilities of the ELINT activities which they conduct, those appropriate ELINT tasks as requested by the Director, National Security Agency.
  - c. Keep the Director, National Security Agency, informed of their ELINT plans and operations. Information derived from such operations will be furnished to the National Security Agency as requested by the Director, NSA.
  - d. Submit their requirements for ELINT direct support to the Chief of the Service concerned.
  - e. In the event the Chief of Service concerned cannot arrange for meeting the requirement or resolve the problem, the matter will then be referred to the Joint Chiefs of Staff.
  - f. Conduct the activities listed in paragraph III. D. above in accordance with the provisions contained therein; where feasible, coordinate such activities with the Director, NSA.
  - g. Conduct these ELINT activities, other than cryptanalysis, undertaken in support of their missions under the authority of NSCID No. 5; where feasible, coordinate such activities with the Director, National Security Agency. The information derived from such activities shall be so handled as to give suitable protection to related activities and shall be passed to the National Security Agency to the extent desired by the Director, National Security Agency, as soon as the special security collection requirements have been satisfied.

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**E. Non-Department of Defense Departments and Agencies**

1. The responsibilities for the conduct and support of ELINT activities by those departments and agencies as specified in reference (a) but outside the Department of Defense are covered in a separate memorandum.

**V. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Directive is effective upon publication.

  
Secretary of Defense

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## Department of Defense Directive

SUBJECT Communications Intelligence (COMINT)

- Ref: (a) NSCID No. 6, dated September 15, 1958  
(b) SecDef memo, subj: Implementation of NSCID No. 9  
Revised, dated December 5, 1952 (canceled by ref. (c)).  
(c) DOD Dir. S-5100.20, "The National Security Agency"

### I. PURPOSE

This Directive is issued for the purpose of implementing the COMINT provisions of reference (a).

### II. DEFINITIONS

A. For the purpose of this Directive, the terms "Communications Intelligence" or "COMINT" shall be construed to mean technical and intelligence information derived from foreign communications by other than the intended recipients.

B. COMINT activities shall be construed to mean those activities which produce COMINT by the interception and processing of foreign communications passed by radio, wire, or other electromagnetic means, with specific exceptions stated in paragraph II. C. below, and by the processing of foreign encrypted communications, however transmitted. Interception comprises search, intercept, and direction finding. Processing comprises range estimation, transmitter/operator identification, signal analysis, traffic analysis, cryptanalysis, decryption, study of plain text, the fusion of these processes, and the reporting of results.

C. COMINT and COMINT activities as defined herein shall not include:

1. Intercept and processing of unencrypted written communications, except the processing of written

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plain text versions of communications which have been encrypted or are intended for subsequent encryption.

2. Intercept and processing of press, propaganda and other public broadcasts, except for processing encrypted or "hidden meaning" passages in such broadcasts.
3. Certain operations conducted by security authorities.
4. Censorship.

### III. POLICY

A. The Secretary of Defense has been designated as Executive Agent of the Government for the conduct of COMINT activities in accordance with the provisions of reference (a) and for the maintenance and operation of the National Security Agency (NSA). The Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Special Operations) will exercise the authority vested in the Secretary of Defense by reference (a) relating to the direction and control of the National Security Agency and related activities of the Department of Defense.

B. The COMINT mission of the National Security Agency shall be to provide an effective, unified organization and control of the COMINT intercept and processing activities of the United States, to provide for integrated operational policies and procedures pertaining thereto and to produce COMINT information in accordance with objectives, requirements and priorities established by the U.S. Intelligence Board. For these purposes all U. S. COMINT activities, except as otherwise specified herein, are placed under the operational and technical control of the Director, National Security Agency.

C. The Secretary of Defense will establish the consolidated DOD budget, and requirements for military and civilian manpower, logistic and communications support, and research, development, test and evaluation for COMINT activities, and provide for inclusions as appropriate in the budgets and programs of the military departments and other DOD agencies. With the collaboration of interested elements of the Department of Defense, the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Special Operations) will continually review the development and execution of COMINT plans and programs as a basis on which to provide for effective, efficient and economical management and operation and the elimination of undesirable duplication.

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D. The military departments and the commanders of commands established by the Secretary of Defense will conduct such search, intercept, direction finding, range estimation, and signal analysis of communications electromagnetic radiations as must be undertaken to permit immediate operational use of the information in support of electronic warfare and rescue operations. With respect to these activities, it is noted that:

1. They have the following characteristics:
  - a. They are performed in direct and immediate support of operations conducted for other than intelligence purposes and are active only when the supported operations are underway. The term "operations", as used in this directive, includes training and test exercises, and is not confined to wartime activities.
  - b. They are performed by equipment which, though identical or similar to that used by COMINT units for intelligence purposes, is an essential component of the weapons system, facility, or activity which has an operational mission or objective.
2. Examples of such activities are those undertaken:
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  - b. For rescue operations.
  - c. For the support of active electronic counter-measures, counter-countermeasures, imitative communication and electronic deception, while these operations are being conducted.
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### IV. RESPONSIBILITIES

#### A. The Joint Chiefs of Staff

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1. The Director, National Security Agency, will:
  - a. Accomplish the COMINT mission of the National Security Agency in accordance with the provisions of reference (a).
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- c. Delegate operational control of specified COMINT facilities and resources to appropriate authorities for such periods and for such tasks as are determined by him to be necessary, including those tasks to meet the direct support requirements of military departments and commanders.
- d. Prepare in collaboration with the military departments and submit to the Secretary of Defense the consolidated DOD plans and programs for COMINT activities, together with his recommendations pertaining thereto.
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- f. Under the supervision of the Director of Defense Research and Engineering, establish and conduct a research and engineering program to meet the needs of the National Security Agency and the departments and agencies which are engaged in COMINT activities; review and coordinate the related COMINT research and engineering programs conducted by such departments and agencies. He will also recommend controls and procedures to the Director of Defense Research and Engineering, governing the conduct of COMINT research, development, test and evaluation.
- g. Standardize in collaboration with the military departments COMINT equipment and facilities wherever practicable.
- h. Provide for the production and procurement of specialized COMINT equipments.
- i. Provide technical guidance and support, including information, specialized equipment and engineering assistance, and analytic service to all U. S. COMINT activities.

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- j. Provide technical guidance and support of COMINT training conducted by the military departments, and prescribe minimum standards for their COMINT training curricula.
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- n. Determine and submit to the authorities responsible for logistic support for the National Security Agency, requirements together with specific recommendations as to what each of the responsible departments and agencies of the Government should supply.

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- 1. The Secretaries of the military departments will:
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  - c. Provide the necessary COMINT facilities and resources for the support of military operations and of the national COMINT effort as authorized and directed by the Secretary of Defense.

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- d. Perform COMINT collection and processing tasks as specified by the Director, National Security Agency, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph IV. B. 1. b. above.
- e. Assign military personnel to the National Security Agency in accordance with approved requirements. The normal tour of duty is thirty-six months. Longer assignment of specially qualified personnel is authorized as may be arranged with the Department concerned. The military departments may add, withdraw, or substitute personnel within the authorized personnel strength of the National Security Agency, subject to the concurrence of the Director, NSA.
- f. Keep the Director, National Security Agency, and through him the Director of Defense Research and Engineering, currently advised of their COMINT research and engineering requirements; and accomplish such research, development, test and evaluation as may be assigned.
- g. Subject to approval by the Director of Defense Research and Engineering, initiate and pursue such research and engineering projects as may be necessary to support their COMINT activities, and accomplish such COMINT research, development, test and evaluation as approved or assigned by the Director of Defense Research and Engineering. A military department undertaking research and engineering projects in areas touching on COMINT will advise the Director of Defense Research and Engineering, the Director, National Security Agency, and other military departments as a matter of mutual interest.
- h. State to the Director, National Security Agency, their requirements for COMINT direct support.
- i. Conduct the activities listed in paragraph III. D. above in accordance with the provisions contained therein; where feasible, coordinate such activities with the Director, National Security Agency.

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- j. Conduct those COMINT activities, other than cryptanalysis, undertaken in support of their missions under the authority of NSCID No. 5; where feasible, coordinate such activities with the Director, National Security Agency, or his representative. The information derived from such activities shall be so handled as to give suitable protection to related activities and shall be passed to the National Security Agency to the extent desired by the Director, NSA, as soon as the special security collection requirements have been satisfied.
- k. Fulfill logistic support requirements of the National Security Agency, as authorized and directed by the Secretary of Defense.

D. Commanders of Commands Established by the Secretary of Defense

- 1. These Commanders will:
  - a. Submit their requirements for COMINT direct support to the Chief of Service concerned.
  - b. In the event the Chief of Service concerned cannot arrange for meeting the requirement or resolve the problem, the matter will then be referred to the Joint Chiefs of Staff.
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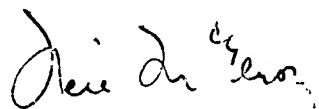
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1. The responsibilities for the conduct and support of COMINT activities by those departments and agencies as specified in reference (a) but outside the Department of Defense are covered in a separate memorandum.

V. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Directive is effective upon publication.



Secretary of Defense

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## Department of Defense Directive

SUBJECT                    The National Security Agency

### I. GENERAL

Subject to the provisions of NSCID No. 6, dated September 15, 1958, and the provisions of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, and pursuant to the authorities vested in the Secretary of Defense, the National Security Agency is established as a separately organized agency within the Department of Defense under the direction, authority and control of the Secretary of Defense.

### II. ORGANIZATION

A. The National Security Agency shall consist of a Director, a Headquarters, and such subordinate units, facilities and activities as are specifically assigned to the National Security Agency by the Secretary of Defense or are established by the Director, NSA.

B. The National Technical Processing Center and the Electronic Intelligence Coordinating Group, established pursuant to DOD Directive S-3115.2, dated July 13, 1955, are abolished. Assigned functions, records, facilities and equipment are hereby transferred to the National Security Agency. Military and civilian personnel (including authorized personnel spaces), and supporting funds, are also transferred, as mutually agreed between the National Security Agency and the military services.

### III. RESPONSIBILITIES

The National Security Agency, under the direction and control of the Director of the Agency, shall be responsible for the following functional fields as specifically prescribed in appropriate NSC and DOD Directives:

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1. Communications intelligence (COMINT).
2. Electronics intelligence (ELINT).
3. Other functional fields assigned by specific NSC and DOD Directives.

#### IV. FUNCTIONS

Under the direction and control of the Director of the National Security Agency, the Agency shall perform the following functions within its assigned fields of responsibilities:

1. Formulate plans, policies, procedures and principles.
2. Subject to the supervision of the Director of Defense Research and Engineering, conduct research and engineering activities to meet the needs of the National Security Agency and the departments and agencies and coordinate the related research, development, test and evaluation conducted by such departments and agencies.
3. Determine and submit to the Secretary of Defense logistic support requirements for the Agency, together with specific recommendations as to what each of the responsible departments and agencies of the Government should supply.
4. Prepare in collaboration with the military departments and submit to the Secretary of Defense a consolidated DOD budget, and requirements for military and civilian manpower, logistic and communications support, and research, development, test and evaluation, together with his recommendations pertaining thereto.
5. Develop requisite security rules, regulations and standards governing operating practices in accordance with the policies of the U.S. Intelligence Board and the U.S. Communications Security Board.
6. Make reports and furnish information to the U. S. Intelligence Board or the U.S. Communications Security Board, as required.

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7. Produce and disseminate COMINT and ELINT information in accordance with objectives, requirements and priorities established by the U.S. Intelligence Board. (This function will not include the production and dissemination of finished intelligence which are the responsibilities of departments and agencies other than the National Security Agency.)
8. Perform such other functions as the Secretary of Defense or other proper authority assigns.

## V. RELATIONSHIPS

### A. In the performance of its functions, the Agency shall:

1. Coordinate actions, as appropriate, with the military departments, other DOD agencies, and other departments and agencies of the Government having collateral or related functions in the fields of its assigned responsibilities.
2. Maintain active liaison, as appropriate, for the exchange of information and advice in the field of its assigned responsibility with the military departments, other DOD agencies and other departments and agencies of the Government.
3. Make full use of established facilities in the military departments, other DOD agencies, and other departments and agencies of the Government, rather than unnecessarily duplicating such facilities.
4. Provide for participation by representatives of each of the members of the U.S. Intelligence Board in those offices of the National Security Agency where priorities of intercept and processing are established by the Director of the National Security Agency.

B. Officials of the military departments and other DOD agencies shall provide support, within their respective fields of responsibility, to the Director of the National Security Agency as may be necessary to carry out the assigned responsibilities of the Agency.

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A. To carry out assigned responsibilities of the Agency, the Director of the National Security Agency is specifically delegated authority to:

1. Exercise operational and technical control of COMINT and ELINT intercept and processing activities of the United States to the extent prescribed in other specific DOD Directives.
2. Issue instructions pertaining to COMINT and ELINT to the Chiefs of the operating agencies of the Services or civilian departments or agencies when action by them is required. However, because of the unique technical character of COMINT and ELINT operations, the Director is authorized to issue direct to any operating elements under his operational control task assignments and pertinent instructions which are within the capacity of such elements to accomplish. Compliance with instructions issued by the Director is mandatory, subject only to appeal to the Secretary of Defense by the head of the department and agency concerned (military department, other DOD agency, or other department or agency of the Government).
3. Have direct access to, and direct communication with, any element of the department or agency (military department, other DOD agency, or other department or agency of the Government) performing COMINT and ELINT functions over which he exercises operational and technical control.
4. Centralize or consolidate the performance of COMINT and ELINT functions for which he is responsible to the extent he deems feasible, in consonance with the aims of maximum overall efficiency, economy and effectiveness.
5. Prescribe policies, procedures, principles, and issue instructions for activities under his operational or technical control, as appropriate.
6. Prescribe, or review and approve security rules, regulations and instructions, as appropriate.

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7. Obtain such information and intelligence material from the departments and agencies (military departments, other DOD agencies, or other departments or agencies of the Government) as may be necessary for the performance of the Agency's functions.
8. Maintain a departmental property account for the Agency.

B. In providing direct COMINT and ELINT support to the military departments, other DOD agencies and other departments and agencies of the Government, the Director of the National Security Agency is authorized to delegate operational control of specified COMINT and ELINT facilities and resources as he determines appropriate.

C. Other authorities specifically delegated by the Secretary of Defense or other proper authority to the Director of the National Security Agency in other directives or issuances will be referenced in an inclosure to this directive.

## VII. ADMINISTRATION

A. The Director of the National Security Agency shall be a commissioned officer of the Armed Forces, on active duty, designated by the Secretary of Defense, after consultation with the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and shall have at least three-star rank while serving in this position. His appointment shall be for a term of four years. The Director shall report to the Secretary of Defense through the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Special Operations).

B. There shall be a civilian Deputy appointed by the Director of the Agency with the approval of the Secretary of Defense.

C. To the extent applicable and consistent with the functions assigned to the Agency, Department of Defense policies, regulations and procedures will govern the Agency's operations.

D. The Agency will be authorized such personnel, facilities, funds and other administrative support as the Secretary of Defense deems necessary for the performance of its functions. The military departments, other DOD agencies, or other departments and agencies of the Government, as appropriate, shall provide support for the Agency as prescribed in specific directives or support agreements.

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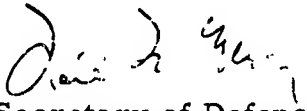
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VIII. CANCELLATION

Secretary of Defense memorandum dated December 5, 1952, subject: "Implementation of NSCID No. 9, Revised" and DOD Directive S-3115.2, dated July 13, 1955, are hereby canceled. (NSCID No. 6, dated September 15, 1958, superseded NSCID No. 9, Revised, dated October 24, 1952).

IX. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Directive is effective upon publication.

  
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Listing of Specific Delegations of Authority by the  
Secretary of Defense to the Director of the  
National Security Agency

1. Administrative authorities required for the administration and operation of the National Security Agency, as prescribed in Secretary of Defense memoranda dated May 19, 1954, March 7, 1955, and July 10, 1958.
2. Authority to authorize or request the procurement of cryptologic material and equipment by the military departments, as prescribed in Secretary of Defense memorandum dated March 20, 1956.
3. Authority to establish and administer programs of training, as prescribed in DOD Directive 1430.4, dated October 27, 1958.
4. Authority to assign the classification of TOP SECRET, as prescribed in DOD Directive 5200.1, dated July 8, 1957, and by Secretary of Defense memorandum, dated June 3, 1958.

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